

Proposed School Building Project Wednesday, August 22, 2012 7:00 pm, Mansfield Senior Center

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### WHAT – WHY – WHERE- WHEN

- Commitment to providing quality educational programs
- Need to upgrade aging infrastructure
  - Goodwin, Vinton, Southeast constructed 1956-1957; renovated 1990-1991
  - Middle School constructed 1969
- Town Council and Board of Education recommendation:
  - Two new elementary schools on the Vinton and Goodwin sites
  - Renovations to the Middle School
  - Considering Bond Referendum, November 2012

### INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS

#### **Elementary Schools:**

- Septic Systems
- Roof Replacements
- Electrical Service and Subpanel Upgrades
- Window Replacements
- Wall Replacement Transite Walls
- Ventilation Systems
- HVAC Control and Heat Systems
- Fire Alarm Systems

# INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS (Cont)

#### **Elementary Schools:**

- Gym Floors and Partitions
- Cafeteria Tables and Kitchen Upgrades
- Oil Line Repair
- Play area pavement
- Playscape replacements
- Temporary classrooms past life span
- ADA Compliance

## INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS (Cont)

#### Middle School:

- Roof Replacement
- Temporary classrooms past life span
- Window Replacements
- Exterior Door Replacements
- Fire Alarm Systems
- ADA Compliant Elevator
- Toilet Room ADA Modifications

# Project History

- School Building Committee (SBC) in place since 2005
- SBC recommends 1 large, new Community Elementary School – early 2010 – cites cost and value
- Board of Education recommends 2, smaller schools in May of 2010
- Town Council requests reduction in project cost and scope

# Project History

- SBC reduces project cost by 4M approved by Board of Education
- Town Council delays project seeks clarity about state funding
- Town Council approves Board of Education recommendation in 2012

## New Buildings Instead of Repair

- Financial Sense
  - 1. Repairs will cost \$25M over 20 years.
  - 2. After 20 years, buildings will be 70+ years old
  - New will cost \$36M over 20 years but also reduce operating expenses by \$17M with significant program enhancements

### PROPOSED PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Two new elementary schools would replace the three existing schools – open September, 2016
- Middle Schools renovations complete September, 2017
- Continue to follow current class size guidelines
- Future use of existing Southeast School to be determined at a later date
- Estimated net cost = \$35,874,000
- Estimated annual operating savings = \$844,000
- Estimated mill rate increase for the project =
   3.65 mills over first four years of debt service

## EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

- State-of-the-art library/media centers
- Separate gymnasiums and cafeterias
- Opportunity for increased diversity and more creative groupings
- Larger/uniform classrooms space for individual & group activities as well as equipment and storage
- Additional options for student placement and improve the ability of teachers to collaborate, plan & share best practices

## EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS

- Enhance science and social studies curricula
- Dedicated space for OT, PT, and Special Ed services as needed
- No construction disruption while students still in school

# INFRASTUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

- New schools built to LEED standards significant energy savings and 50% reduction in carbon footprint
- Elementary school second floor reduces the overall building footprint
- Temporary classrooms at Middle School replaced with permanent construction
- Middle School improvements include renovations to the office area,6<sup>th</sup> grade special education room and toilet rooms, improved fire alarm system, ADA and technology upgrades, and new ADA compliant elevator

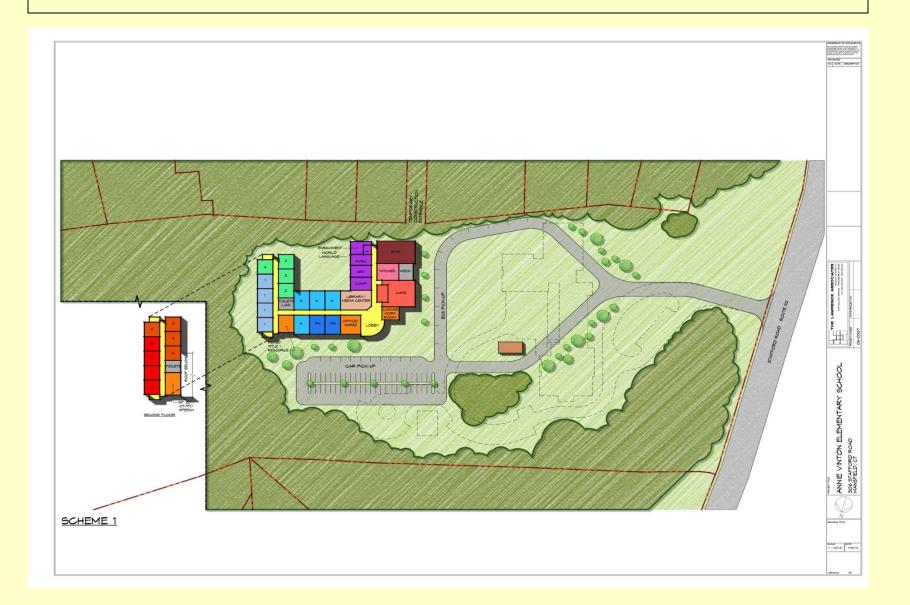
### SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

- Offices located by the front entrance of the new schools to monitor access and improve security
- New schools would be designed with improved vehicle access and pedestrian safety, particularly important for student drop-off and pick-up

### SITING

- Goodwin and Vinton locations
- Geographically dispersed with adequate well and septic supply
- Proximate to neighborhoods and state roads
- Sites offer good access for pedestrians and cyclists
- Vinton site is important anchor for the southwestern part of town
- Re-purposing of Southeast School to be decided at a later date

# POSSIBLE TEST FIT - VINTON



# POSSIBLE TEST FIT - GOODWIN



### PROJECT COST

- Estimated total project cost = \$65,715,000
- Estimated State reimbursement = \$29,841,000
- Estimated net cost = \$35,874,000
- Funded by the issuance of bonds

	Property Ta	exes for Net	Projec	ct Cost on Med	lian Home	*	
2016	 \$115.93	2024		\$361.68	2032		\$204.49
2017	 \$249.37	2025		\$342.27	2033		\$184.51
2018	 \$443.80	2026		\$322.80	2034		\$164.46
2019	 \$457.76	2027		\$303.26	2035		\$151.20
2020	 \$438.67	2028		\$283.65	2036		\$73.12
2021	 \$419.51	2029		\$263.97	2037		-\$74.60
2022	 \$400.30	2030		\$244.22	2038		-\$197.03
2023	 \$381.02	2031		\$224.39			

<sup>\*</sup> Net Project Cost = Incremental debt service less operational savings. Median home full value \$240,800; assessed value \$168,560

### PROJECT COST - MILL RATE IMPACT

The following reflects the estimated mill rate change and tax impact for a median home for the net cost of the project for the first five years of debt service payments

Fiscal Year	Estimated Debt Fiscal Year Service Payments			Estimated Operating Savings/Costs	School Project Estimated Mill Rate Change		Impact on Median Home*	
2015/2016	\$	674,800	\$	_	0.69	\$	115.93	
2016/2017	φ	2,306,525	Ψ	(855,000)	0.79	Ψ	133.44	
2017/2018		3,455,325		, ,	2.04		344.25	
2018/2019		3,539,050		15,000	0.10		16.96	
2019/2020		3,445,400			(0.11)		(18.67)	
* Median home value = \$240,800, Assessed = \$168,560								

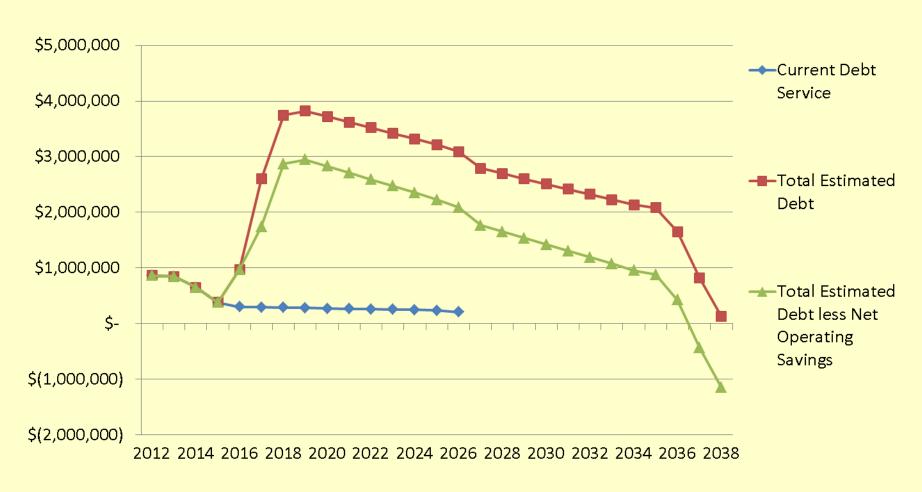
### MILL RATE IMPACT OF ALL INITIATIVES

The following reflects the estimated mill rate change and tax impact for a median home for the proposed school project PLUS current services, police services plan, fund balance and pay-as-you-go capital initiatives

Fiscal Year	Estimated Revenues	Estimated Expenditures	Increase to Fund Balance	Estimated Mill Rate	Change from Prior Year	Impact on Median Home*				
2012/2013	\$ 45,251,040	\$ 45,037,040	\$ 214,000	27.16						
2013/2014	46,810,296	46,360,296	\$ 450,000	27.84	0.68	114.62				
2014/2015	47,937,244	47,387,244	\$ 550,000	28.41	0.57	96.08				
2015/2016	50,015,947	49,465,947	\$ 550,000	30.03	1.62	273.07				
2016/2017	52,136,913	51,586,913	\$ 550,000	31.65	1.62	273.07				
2017/2018	54,803,180	54,253,180	\$ 550,000	33.77	2.12	357.35				
2018/2019	56,446,520	55,896,520	\$ 550,000	34.84	1.07	180.36				
*Full value = \$240,800, Assessed Value = \$168,560										

## **DEBT SERVICE**

### Mansfield Proposed School Building Project Estimated Debt Service



### SUMMARY

- Best return on investment long term
- Enhance curricula
- Significant energy savings
- Administrative and building maintenance cost savings
- Enhance the quality of Mansfield's public education
- Important asset to the community

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### Website – www.mansfieldct.gov

Informational Packets

Additional Informational Meetings:

August 8 7:00pm at Community Center

August 22 7:00pm at Senior Center

August 29 7:00pm at Goodwin Elementary

August 30 7:00pm at Vinton Elementary

September 4 7:00pm at Mansfield Middle School

September 5 7:30pm at Southeast Elementary